Additional investment for primary education

3793. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether an additional investment of Rs. 9800 crores per year for ten consecutive years will suffice to provide universal elementary education to all children in the country in the age group of 6 to 14 years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and year-wise target fixed by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) and (b) The estimated additional equirement to provide universal elementary education to all children in the age group 6-14 years is Rs. 98000 crores for a ten year period till 2010 to be shared by the Central and the State Governments on the pattern of sharing under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, *i.e.*, 85:15 in Ninth Plan, 75:25 in Tenth Plan and 50:50 thereafter.

The annual expenditure for achieving the target of UEE will depend on the requirements assessed by States through District Elementary Education Plans, based on habitation level planning, as well as the pace of implementation.

Districts without education facilities

†3794. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of districts in the country, State-wise where no arrangements have been made so far for primary education;

(b) by when the said districts are likely to be included under this scheme; and

(c) the literacy rate in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh alongwith the district-wise details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) and (b) There is no district in the country which does not have facilities for primary education.

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